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REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are currently pending in this application. Claims 39, 48, 49, 59, 60 and 61 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 39, 48, 49 and 59 have been cancelled as the result of an earlier restriction requirement. Applicant retains the right to present claims 39, 48, 49 and 59 in a divisional application. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims 60 and 61 in a continuation application.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter. Specifically, claims 1-38 have been allowed.

Applicant's Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claims 60 and 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicants respectfully submit that the cancellation of claims 60 and 61 obviates these grounds of rejection.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicant believes the present claims to be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections. Early allowance is therefore solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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